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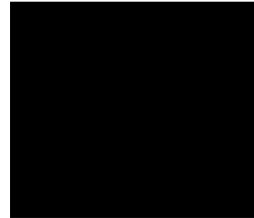
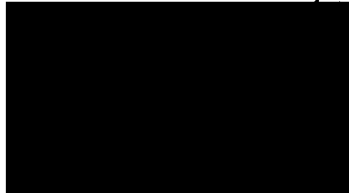
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TRAINING OFFICERS MEETING

T h u r s d a y
26 Aug 54

Attendance:

Mr. Baird, D/TR



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1. Briefing on Reserve Officer Training:

[REDACTED] explained the purpose of the suggestion made by the D/TR to the DCI that reserve officers be permitted to perform their annual tours of training duty in CIA training courses: to reduce the number of man-hours lost by performance of duty in non-CIA activities; and to provide individuals with training that will be of use to them in mobilization assignments with CIA. There was a general discussion of factors involved, and Mr. Baird added that the matter would be taken up with the Department of Defense in connection with the whole Reserve Program of CIA and that this might take months.

2. Advanced CO Course:

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED], had given general approval of the outline for the Advanced CO Course, but called attention to several omissions: lack of an FI approach in favor of emphasis on [REDACTED] activities, counteraction against Communist propaganda, and use of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that in view of [REDACTED] background and experience in the FI field, he was sure this aspect would be covered. [REDACTED] gave assurance that these points will be investigated and included in the course. It was noted that to date there is only one enrollment for the first running of the course scheduled for October.

3. Advanced CE Course:

[REDACTED] commented that Staff C is willing to provide guidance and case material for the course. He feels that the index and file

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procedures should come at the beginning of the Basic CE Course, and that eventually they should be incorporated into Phases II and III to reach more trainees; that the advanced course should be a seminar in terms of exchange of experiences with a minimum of lectures and case analysis and that it should include sensitive American operations.

4. Prerequisites of War Plans Staff Officers Course:

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██████████ reported on meetings held with ██████████ and ██████████ by members of OTR concerning prerequisites for military personnel on three-year tours of duty with CIA and assigned as War Planners. The proposed prerequisites, which pertain to such personnel only, are: a three-week modified Phase I, and one-week condensed course in tradecraft as a substitute for Phase II, especially prepared with a slant toward the military. These two courses, plus the three-week WPSOC Course, would make the training for military personnel assigned to War Planning total seven weeks. ██████████ stressed that we must train civilian war planners against M-Day, when military officers will probably be reassigned elsewhere.

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5. Arctic Intelligence Course:

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Mr. Baird announced the second running of the subject course by the ██████████ date unknown, and asked for applications from personnel interested in taking the course. It is primarily a survival course.

6. Report on MO:

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██████████ commented that the absence of the chief instructors in two of the three capsule courses offered to date detracted from the value of the presentation. There were two instructors absent during the Maritime Operations capsule course which ended 25 August 1954. The organization for handling personnel was very good this time. ██████████ is working on techniques for the presentation of future capsule courses; the Air Operations capsule will be given on 14 and 15 September.

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7. Pre-Testing for ADC:

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The area divisions, according to ██████████, are opposed to the pre-test procedure suggested for the Administration Course on the grounds that it increases their problems in handling personnel and they are not convinced of the need for it. Mr. Baird said that eventually pre-testing will be accomplished on all new personnel when they enter on duty, but until that day comes, this is a good way for the A & E Staff of OTR to build up and collate data obtained through testing. ██████████ agreed that it is a desirable procedure from the divisions' standpoint and should aid in cutting down turnover of personnel and in proper placement. The training officers agreed to resubmit the idea to the divisions, and to listen to ██████████ at the next meeting.

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8. Oversubscription of Phase II:

Mr. Baird called attention to the fact the next running of

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Phase II is oversubscribed by five (80 applications received) and requested the training officers to check applicants to ensure that all were suitable candidates for this course.

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